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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

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Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex
Committee on Food Labeling

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety,
USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are sponsoring a public meeting on September 23, 2014. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 42nd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labeling in Foods (CCFL) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), taking place in Santiago, Chile October 21-24, 2014. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 42nd Session of CCFL, and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday,
September 23, 2014 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at the Jamie
L. Whitten Building, United States Department of
Agriculture (USDA), 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room
107-A, Washington, DC 20250.

Documents related to the 42nd Session of CCFL will be
accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address:
<http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

Felicia Billingslea, U.S. Delegate to the 42nd Session
of the CCFL, invites U.S. interested parties to submit
their comments electronically to the following e-mail
address: ccfl@fda.hhs.gov.

CALL IN NUMBER:

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for
the 42nd Session of the CCFL by conference call, please use
the call in number and participant code listed below:

Call in Number: 1-888-844-9904

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<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/us-codex-alimentarius/public-meetings>.

For Further Information About the 42nd Session of the CCFL

Contact: Office of Nutrition, Labeling, and Dietary

Supplements, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition,
Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway
(HFS-800), College Park, MD 20740, Email: ccfl@fda.hhs.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT:

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SW, Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 690-4719,
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade.

The CCFL is responsible for:

- (a) Drafting provisions on labeling applicable to all foods;
- (b) Considering, amending if necessary, and endorsing draft specific provisions on labeling prepared by

the Codex Committees drafting standards, codes of practice and guidelines;

- (c) Studying specific labeling problems assigned to it by the Commission; and
- (d) Studying problems associated with the advertisement of food with particular reference to claims and misleading descriptions.

The Committee is hosted by Canada.

Issues to be discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 42nd Session of the CCFL will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the Committee
- Organic Aquaculture
- General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods to address the issue of date marking.
- Other Business and Future Work

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat prior to the Committee meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see ADDRESSES).

Public Meeting

At the September 23, 2014, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Delegate for the 42nd Session of the CCFL, Felicia Billingslea (see ADDRESSES). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 42nd Session of the CCFL.

Additional Public Notification

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